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***Amendments***

***In the Specification:***

Please insert the following abstract as new page 41 of the specification:

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

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This invention describes novel plant nucleic acid sequences and proteins. The sequences and proteins are useful in the control of plant dehiscence and in the production of male sterile plants.

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***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 27 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

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1. (Once amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding the protein of SEQ ID NO:15.